

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

August 5, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Tyler, Dahman, Johnson, , Malik

Absent: Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Garrick, Knowles

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None.

V. Approve Minutes: Revised minutes were distributed and Kuhnke reviewed changes.

Motion to approve July 1, 2014 minutes as revised. Moved: Dahman; Seconded: Johnson

Yes: (5) No: (0); Absent (Lee-Goodman, Garrick, Knowles, MacDonell). Motion passed.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported that there were four hate incidents in July:

a) A 16 year old girl was harassed by hateful messages on social media regarding her Jewish ethnicity. The boy involved agreed to stop. There have been no further incidents.

b) Brethren Christian School had more negative graffiti on July 2, 2014. It was not discovered who did this, but there have been no further incidents since then.

c) On July 4, 2012, the tenant of a property owned by Turkish man was out of town. The owner had arranged to use the house and a disagreement about his car being parked in the driveway ensued. Comments were made by neighbors about the man's residency status and he was spat at by a neighbor.

d) A mixed race adult female received a text from an unknown person containing negative racial and sexual comments.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities: No report since CC is dark in July.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities: No report this month.

4. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities

Book selection has been made, but the name has not been made public yet.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,872.87

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee: No new information this month.

2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

Lee-Goodman was not present to give report. Dagley reported that Garrick will offer assistance to Westminster, Valley Vista and Ocean View High Schools, including facilitating their applications for Target Foundation Grants for school field trips to the MOT, which are due by Sept. 30, 2014.

3. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Dagley reported on behalf of Garrick that the HRTF Student Representative Committee will be scheduling their first meeting for the new school year in September. Hopefully, an ad hoc planning meeting can also be scheduled in August or early September to meet with the student leaders to assist them in making plans for the upcoming year. Johnson has offered to assist in facilitating this meeting.

4. Report from City of Compassion Committee

Tyler reported that she attended the July meeting regarding the Compassion Games to be held from September 11-21. A hand-out on how to report acts of compassion, as well as a brochure was distributed. Tyler suggested that the HRTF consider participating in a book donation program for the library or a food drive in support of the new Beach Cities Interfaith Facility (BCI). Tyler will visit the BCI and report back at the next meeting. The HRTF will decide on the selected activity next month. The next meeting will be on August 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the room next to City Council Chambers. Everyone in the community is invited to participate in the games.

5. Follow up Research to Identify School Response to New Anti- Bullying Laws

No report due to absence of MacDonell.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Discussion of Anti-bullying Month activities, including a banner

Kuhnke reported that the City would waive the fee to display a banner. Dagley reported that the banner would cost \$475.00 and that the nonprofit Bully Awareness Resistance Education (BARE) organization would be willing to pay for the banner. Discussion was had about what the banner should say, the level of HRTF input if BARE pays for it, and how to keep the banner generic enough for multi-year use.

Motion to proceed with co-sponsoring a bullying prevention banner with BARE to display for the month of October. Moved: Tyler. Seconded: Malik. Yes (5) No (0); Absent (Knowles, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell). Motion passed.

Dagley will follow up with the Executive Director of BARE, Deborah Reisdorf, to further discuss and report back at the next meeting.

2. Discussion of social media options.

Dagley reported that Lee-Goodman had raised the issue at the last meeting. Points of consideration included whether the HRTF wants to be more active. Since Lee-Goodman had wanted the item included on the agenda, the item will be continued to the next meeting. It was also noted that the student representatives need to rename their face book page to something other than HBHRTF.

3. Request from OC Human Relations to host their new travelling community exhibit entitled "Orange County Civil Rights: A History of an Enduring Struggle for Equality"

Kuhnke reported that she had checked with the possible locations to display the exhibit. Due to space, security, and safety reasons, the Central Library would not be possible. The lower level of City Hall near the Council Chambers could be a possibility, but there is a concern for safety and damages to the display. Malik agreed to check on insurance coverage of the display and its logistics.

Motion to support the display of the Civil Rights Exhibit in an appropriate location within a city facility from September 16 - October 31, 2014. Moved: Dagley. Seconded: Malik. Yes (5) No (0) Absent (Knowles, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell). Motion passed.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

No comments

Adjournment at 8:20 pm to: September 2, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm.